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# T H E B U S B Y F A M I L Y

A historical record from early settlement at Jamestown, Virginia, with a complete record of (1) NATHAN WALKER BUSBY, 1841 - 1909, and his six children:

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| (11) Ada Busby Van Nordstrand | (14) Nathan Walker Busby, Jr. |
| (12) Ida Busby Rutledge       | (15) Maude Busby McChesney    |
| (13) Louetta Busby Broughton  | (16) Charles Edward Busby     |

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Our first information regarding the Busby family is mostly from early Virginia files:

The Virginia Statutes at Large, being a collection of all the Laws and Charters of the first session of the Legislature in the year 1619, Vol. 1, pages 80-96.

The Second Charter to the Treasurer and Company of Virginia erecting them into a Body Politic and for the enlargement and exploration of the privileges of said company for the First Colony of Virginia.

Dated May 23, 1609, I, James The First, by the grace of God, King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To Our Trusty and Beloved Subjects.

Below this Charter there is a long list of names, among them that of Ralph Busby.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the 23rd Day of May, 1609, in the Seventh year of our Reign, of England, France, Ireland and Scotland.

The name of Ralph Busby as shown above appears as one of the stockholders of the Virginia Colony. There are no records showing that he ever came to Virginia, but he was probably one of the English owners.

The first record in Virginia is that of Thomas Busby, whose name is mentioned many times in connection with the early settlements of Jamestown and Williamsburg. According to old deeds on record, he evidently owned a large farm in Surrey County across the James River from Jamestown. The records show that he performed many services for the Colony, acting as interpreter to the Indians and as a guide when various surveys were made to establish the Colony lines. A settlement in Surrey County was called Busby.

One very interesting record, too long to give fully, consists of nineteen grievances presented to the Commissioners of the Colony. In 1677 among those mentioned are: Overtaxation, Courts making tax levies in a private room without a public hearing, settlers called for useless military services, the Sheriff holding office for too long a period of time, settlers being required to donate excessive amounts of tobacco for taxation. Among the signers was Thomas Busby.

On July 13, 1671, Surrey County Records, Vol. 1, page 387, William Byrd of Martin Brandon purchased of Thomas Busby a grist mill and all appurtenances thereon located at the head of Upper Chipoakes Creek, in the County of Surrey, being 150 acres adjoining unto the grist mill, part of which land now being in possession of Thomas Howard, also one dwelling house of lower lengths.

Several wills are recorded, as well as records of tobacco donated to the support of the poor. One record states that a surgeon named Busby received for services a ring, which was noticed on his hand and identified as having been stolen. He was ordered by the court to return the ring to the owner.

The records show that there were other Busby families in early Virginia and the Carolinas, so that their descendants are to be found today in almost every locality.

Nothing more is found about the Busby family in Virginia for about 100 years; but during that period they apparently moved from near Jamestown and Williamsburg to Hanover and Goochland Counties, which are located about 100 miles west of Richmond. In the records at Richmond there is the following record of the Busby men during the Revolutionary war, 1776-1783:

Historical Records of Virginia Soldiers in the Revolution, Skenkde Lista.  
John Busby of Goochland County, First Regiment, Virginia Continental Line.

Military Land Warrant Book II, Richmond, Virginia, State Land Office, page 226,





Warrant 4156. Council Chamber, May 9, 1766, P. Henry-T. Merriweather: The representative of John Busby, is entitled to the Proportation of land allowed to a private of the Continental Line for three years' service.

A warrant for 100 acres of land issued to James Busby, heir in law of John Busby, the 9th day of May in 1766. This would indicate that John Busby had three years' service in the Virginia line and that James Busby (evidently the son of John Busby) received the warrant, as John Busby probably was unable to appear in person.

The movement is again to the frontier into Kentucky, to Fleming and Bourbon Counties where from the pension bureau at Washington and the State Historical Library at Frankfort are shown the following records. That of James Busby is being fully copied and is quite interesting.

Pension Record James Busby " 2 995 Birth May 2, 1754, place not shown.

Service—According to this Veteran's statements when he applied for a pension in 1818 and 1819, he rendered the following services: from March 17, 1776, was a private under Captains Nathaniel Morrison and Burgess Ball in the Virginia troops; was in the battles of Trenton, Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth. He marched in the winter of 1779 to the Carolinas, where he was taken prisoner in May; escaped soon afterward and while on way back to Virginia enlisted in June, 1780; served as a Dragoon under Capt. LaBrun in Pulaski's Legion, also in Armond's corps, and was discharged November 3, 1783. He was in the battles of Camden, Kings Mountain, Cowpens, Guilford Court and the Siege of Yorktown, and was wounded in the neck by a sword at Cowpens and in the thigh by a musket ball at Guilford Court House.

In an affidavit submitted in 1825 regarding this veteran, it was stated that when the venerable General Lafayette toured the United States and visited Lexington, Kentucky, he took James Busby by the hand, called him by name, and clasped him in his arms with tears in his eyes. Why Lafayette remembered James Busby after fifty years is possibly explained below.

In May, 1947, we visited Lexington and a noted race horse farm called Keeneland, a few miles west of Lexington. At the entrance to this farm there is a large bronze plaque which tells that Colonel John Keene had been the American aide to General Lafayette during the Revolution and that the General had made Keeneland his home while at Lexington. This indicates to us that James Busby was very likely a soldier under Col. Keene and in that way had personal contact in some manner with General Lafayette.

James Busby married Elizabeth Shackelford in Albemarle County, Virginia, March 4, 1790. James Busby died in Bourbon County, Kentucky, on July 2, 1836. Several children are mentioned (mostly girls), but we have not been able to secure any record of their descendants. According to the records at Washington, William and Robert, brothers of James, also served in the Revolution.

Apparently, there was a younger brother of James, Robert, and William, named Rawleigh, who married Polly Oxley in Bourbon County, Kentucky, in 1819.

A William Busby, aged over 80, living at Portsmouth, Ohio, on September 23, 1941, wrote us as follows: "I am the son of Eldridge Busby and Emily Downey. Father had brothers Hiram, Henry, and Rawleigh, Jr. The four of them were sons of Rawleigh Busby, Sr., who had a brother named James, a soldier in the Revolution. My three uncles, Hiram, Henry, and Rawleigh, Jr., all moved to Indiana, but I have no information regarding any of their descendants.

Records of Fleming County, Kentucky, show that Hiram Busby married Nancy Vice in 1839.

So once more the movement is to a new state. Hiram Busby and wife Nancy located at Green Castle, Indiana, where he was either a carpenter or a stone mason and helped build the first courthouse at Green Castle. We, however, do not have any record of the date of death of either Hiram or Nancy or the place of their burial.





They were the parents of the following eight children:

- 1 Nathaniel W. (His record will be carried out more completely later in this record.)
- 2 George married Hannah Boone. Their children are listed below.  
 Lennie married Alfred Curtis. Their home was in Green Castle, Indiana.  
 Hattie married William Torr.  
 Lawrence married Daisy Young.  
 Frank married Adie King. Their home, Route 3, Brazil, Indiana. Frank Busby died October, 1947. A son, Colonel George Busby, graduated from West Point in the class of 1924. After taking part in the invasion of Germany, he returned to the States in November, 1947. (This family spells the name Busbey.)
- 3 Robert married Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Cowgill.
- 4 John (No record.)
- 5 James W. Their home was near Richmond, Missouri and Kansas City, Missouri.
- 6 Susan married James Saxner. Their home was at Green Castle, Indiana.
- 7 Keziah married Isaac Konnett.
- 8 Melvina married Daniel Schilling.
- 9 Sarah Ann married James Wood.

BUSBY  
 Nathaniel Walker, born October 14, 1841, was the first son of Hiram and Nancy (Vice) Busby. As a young man, he was located at Bloomfield, Iowa. He enlisted in August 17, 1861, in the third Iowa Cavalry and was discharged August 9, 1865, Atlanta Georgia. A full record of the many movements and battles that this regiment engaged in can be found in the Records of the Iowa Regiments, copies of which are to be found in many public libraries. The service of the Third Cavalry was all in the West in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Georgia. The winter of 1864-1865 was spent in camp at Atlanta, Georgia, there, evidently to help make the dull winter pass faster, he wrote a number of poems. Some of them are quite interesting, and we have the original copies. The titles of some are as follows: "The Willow Tree" (This one was headed Bloomfield, Iowa, November, 1866) "The Southern Girls", "Babylon Fallen", "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" (Copied Atlanta, 1866) "The Farewell of the Young Volunteer" by N.W. Busby, Atlanta 1865 for July 4, "Joneses Sister" (This one extra good" written Atlanta, 1865, "Glory Hallelujah." In addition there are a number of original army orders issued to Nathan Busby to go through the picket lines to secure forage, provisions and other duties. Nathan was apparently an orderly to Col. Bussey, the regimental commander. His name is on the bronze plaque on the General McPherson monument at McPherson, Kansas.

Being discharged at Atlanta, Georgia on August 9, 1865, he hurried home and also apparently hurried his courtship for (K) Nathan W. Busby married Mary Elizabeth French on September 13, 1865, at Bloomfield, Iowa.

In 1867, the family migrated to McPherson County, Kansas, and located at a small village called Inland about ten miles west of McPherson. There he built a house, which still stands on the north side of Highway No. 50 north. Later they moved to Windom, where he again built a new house and lived there until his death on May 15, 1909. His widow lived with the children until her death at Kansas City, Missouri, on May 3, 1922. Both are buried at McPherson, Kansas.

To the above marriage six children were born. To them we have given a number in order of their birth and to their children and grandchildren each a number so that their relation can be easily understood. No. 1 is Nathan and 11 his first child.

- 11 Ada, born at Bloomfield, Iowa, June 30, 1866; died McPherson, Kansas, April 24, 1942. Married John Moses Van Nordstrand on April 15, 1885, McPherson, Kansas.
- 111 Faye, born January 14, 1866, Windom, Kansas. (Twin) Single.
- 112 Fern, born January 14, 1866, Windom, Kansas. (Twin) Married J. R. McClure August 27, 1930.
- 113 Roe, born November 28, 1893, Enterprise, Kansas. Married Mar Sward, August 9, 1916.
- 1131 Dudle J., born December 23, 1917, McPherson, Kansas. Married Anita David, Kibbille, Nebraska, March 28, 1942.
- 11311 Mark Allen, born January 13, 1944, McPherson, Kansas.
- 11312 Scott David, born October 11, 1947, McPherson, Kansas.



- 12 Ida, born Bloomfield, Iowa, February 10, 1868. Died December 22, 1931, Halstead, Kansas. Married Stillman D. Rutledge, May 17, 1888. Living in Leola, Kansas, 1949.
- 121 Charles H., born July 4, 1889. Died May 11, 1944, Inman, Kansas. Married Ida Hayden, November 25, 1914.
- 1211 Charlene, born November 11, 1915. Married Jay Dressler February 20, 1936.
- 12111 Sheridan Kay Dressler, born May 1, 1937, Hutchinson, Kansas.
- 12112 Carol Sue Dressler, born October 7, 1940, Hutchinson, Kansas.
- 122 Olive C. Rutledge, born November 6, 1890. Married Edward L. Reilly, May 7, 1916.
- 1221 Kenneth L. Reilly, born November 6, 1920., Little River, Kansas.
- 123 Orin Rutledge, born November 28, 1892. Married C. Everett Ream, November 8, 1911.
- 1231 Helen Ream, born June 20, 1916. Married Alfred C. German, October 11, 1936.
- 12311 Shirley Ann German, born May 8, 1937.
- 12312 Barbara Fern German, born June 29, 1938.
- 12313 Quinton Eugene, born December 21, 1944.
- 1232 Cletta Ream, born May 8, 1921. Married Howard O. Fownall, November 16, 1943.
- 12321 Carolyn Joyce, born June 14, 1944 (Howard Fownall, killed in action April 4, 1944.)
- 1233 Eldora Ream, born February 16, 1927. Married Harlan Whitner, June 14, 1947.
- 124 Birl Rutledge, born April 16, 1895. Service in the First World War. Married Helen Cramm, Lyons, Kansas, October 8, 1922. (Helen Rutledge, deceased.)
- 125 Pearl Rutledge, born February 1, 1897. Married Milton Reamer, November 24, 1918.
- 1251 Sherman Reamer, born September 12, 1919. Deceased June 4, 1939.
- 1252 Freda Mae Reamer, born July 6, 1921. Married E. L. Scott, April 21, 1946.
- 1253 Eudora Reamer, born June 26, 1923. Married J. W. McMillan, June 12, 1947.
- 1254 Wanda Lucile Reamer, born November 5, 1927. Married Larry Edwards, October 15, 1948.
- 1255 Orpha Glee Reamer, born October 23, 1932.
- 126 Stillman Arnett Rutledge, born January 17, 1899. Deceased September 2, 1927.
- 127 Mary Rutledge, born January 28, 1901. Married Clifford Parry, September 14, 1924.
- 1271 Clifford D., Jr., born December 16, 1925. Deceased September 16, 1943.
- 1272 Dwight LeRoy, born June 3, 1933.
- 128 Laura Rutledge, born August 3, 1903. Married William Rosine, November 12, 1922.
- 1281 Betty Jean Rosine, born November 6, 1923. Married William P. Standfried, November 12, 1943.
- 1282 Dale Kenneth Rosine, born July 29, 1927.
- 1283 Donald Eugene Rosine, born June 13, 1937.
- 1284 Reta Maxine Rosine, born June 8, 1939.
- 129 Clifton Holmes Rutledge, born June 16, 1905. Married Lffie Haffner, May 28, 1934.
- 1291 Clifton D. Rutledge, Jr., born August 20, 1935.
- 1292 Phyllis Rutledge, born October 26, 1937.
- 1293 Martha Ann Rutledge, born April 16, 1941.
- 129-A Martha Ann Rutledge, born February 29, 1908. Married John Godell.
- 129-A1 John Charles Godell, born March 19, 1941.
- 129-A2 Ann Louise, born March 4, 1946.
- 13 Louette Busby, born March 23, 1870, Bloomfield, Iowa. Died May 14, 1945 at Springfield, Illinois. Married George Washington Broughton, September 16, 1886, Winona, Kansas.







- 131 Bertha Belle Broughton, born April 1, 1887, Windom, Kansas. Died on October 11, 1945 at Springfield, Illinois. Married Fred S. Giles \_\_\_\_\_ 1908, New York, N. Y. No children. **1918966**
- 132 Clarence Broughton, born September 9, 1888, Windom, Kansas. Married Amy A. Miller July 5, 1911. Residence: Bloomington, Illinois, 114 E. Beecher. Clarence Broughton, Engineer, Mobile and Ohio RR.
- 1321 George Wm. Broughton, born Bloomington, Illinois, July 25, 1914. Married Mildred Anderson, born Auburn, Indiana, July 15, 1939.
- 13211 Karen Leigh Broughton, born March 6, 1944.
- 13212 Gary Franklin Broughton, born Normal, Illinois, December 17, 1946.
- 1322 Helen Lorinda Broughton, born in Bloomington, Ill., June 27, 1917. Married Ross T. Selders, born Bloomington, Ill., June
- 13221 Susan Helen Selders, born Bloomington, Illinois, April 24, 1938.
- 13222 Patricia Ross Selders, born Bloomington, Illinois, September 28, 1941.
- 1323 Dean Clarence Broughton, born Bloomington, Illinois, November 8, 1919. Married Helen Ferne Briscoe, December 21, 1947.
- 133 Dottie May Broughton, born July 1, 1890, Windom, Kansas. Married Charles H. Harris, July 5, 1908, Springfield, Ill. Divorced 1913. Married Floyd Layman Golloway, Everett, Washington, June 15, 1921.
- 1331 Nathaniel George Harris, born June 8, 1909. Married Marguerite Ellen Roe January 12, 1936, Seattle, Washington.
- 13311 Walter George Harris, born November 2, 1936, Seattle, Washington.
- 13312 William Edward Harris, born April 1, 1938, Seattle, Washington.
- 1332 Floyd Layman Golloway, born January 12, 1925.
- 1333 Dorathea May Golloway, born August 16, 1929. Married Harold E. Thomas, September 5, 1947, Alsea, Oregon.
- 13331 Carolyn Alice Thomas, born June 16, 1948.
- 134 Nelly Jane Broughton, born July 4, 1893, Windom, Kansas. Married Fred K. Lawson, June 26, 1915.
- 1341 John Fonrose Lawson, born March 2, 1917, Springfield, Ill. Married Gail Ellis April 7, 1945, Long Beach, California.
- 13411 John Fonrose Lawson, Jr., born September 17, 1946, Los Angeles.
- 1342 Fred Kelley Lawson, born October 28, 1920. Entered Service August 1, 1942. Commissioned Lt. Engineers September 1, 1943. Killed in action (crossing Ouer River) Luxemburg, February 7, 1945.
- 1343 Darlene Broughton Lawson, born March 20, 1924.
- 55 Maude Broughton, born May 18, 1900. Married William G. Rhodes, Springfield, Ill., January 21, 1928. (No children)
- 14 Nathan Walker Busby, born June 4, 1876, Bloomfield, Iowa. Served in Spanish War, 1898, 21st Kansas Infantry. Died February 20, 1936. Buried in National Cemetery, Springfield, Mo. Married Ida Viola Busby (Norris) 1900.
- 141 Eva Viola Busby, born August 10, 1902, Kansas City, Kansas. Married Theo. F. Hobbie August 20, 1920, Dodge City, Kansas (Divorced). Married George Henry Evans in Reno, Nevada, November 7, 1933.
- 1411 Anna May Hobbie, born July 3, Dodge City, Kansas. Married Russell Farrington \_\_\_\_\_
- 1411 \_\_\_\_\_
- 141 Maude Busby, born December 29, 1879, Windom, Kansas. Married Joseph L. McChesney March 27, 1901, Windom, Kansas.
- 1411 Reta McChesney, born June 28, 1902, Windom, Kansas. Married Earl H. Brown June 6, 1920, Windom, Kansas. Died June 8, 1939. Buried at McPherson, Kan.
- 1411 Keith Curtis Brown, born September 11, 1921. Married Barbara Rankin November 22, 1942, Wichita, Kansas.
- 14111 Keith Curtis Brown, Jr., born July 10, 1946, Wichita, Kansas.
- 14112 Brynn Dee Brown, born August 16, 1948, Wichita, Kansas.
- 142 Mildred McChesney, born March 11, 1904, Windom, Kansas. Married Fred H. Howell, June 19, 1920, Windom, Kansas.
- 1521 Phyllis Howell, born December 15, 1929.
- 1522 Reta Howell, born November 18, 1939.

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- 16 Charles Edward Busby, born July 26, 1881, Windom, Kansas. Married June McDonald December 23, 1900. (Divorced) Married Florence VanNoy April 1, 1938, Los Angeles, California.
- 161 Zola E. Busby, born February 13, 1902, Windom, Kansas. Married Don Flesher October 1, 1925. (No children)
- 162 Orpha Glee Busby, born November 12, 1912, Windom, Kansas. Married William Slade, January 2, 1937, Los Angeles, California..
- 521 Gary Busby Slade, born November 17, 1947, Los Angeles, California.

Thinking a short historical record of the families of the four sons-in-law of Nathan Walker Busby will be of interest, the following information has been secured.

(11) Ada Busby--John Van Nordstrand

The Van Nordstrandt, Van Nordstrand, Van Nostrand, Van Ordstrand. First recorded about 1649 when they came from Holland to New Amsterdam (New York City). After several migrations to New Jersey and western Pennsylvania, a Peter Van Nordstrand with his wife and eleven children located in Richland County (now Ashland County) Ohio in 1817. The father died the following year and left the widow and children in a newly settled country with but very few neighbors and the nearest store, mill, or post office was about twenty miles away. However, all the family survived and the children married. The youngest son, Peter, Jr., remained on the home farm and his descendants still live at Ashland. John, the oldest son, with Isaac, the second son, migrated to Iowa about 1855 and located at Fairfield and Drakeville. Isaac had married Margaret Moses (Stoner), a widow with three children. They then had ten children. The oldest son, John Moses, born on December 7, 1843, in Ashland, Ohio, enlisted in the 30th Iowa Infantry August 9, 1862, enlisted in the the 30th Iowa Infantry August 9, 1862, and served until his discharge June 5, 1865, at Washington, D. C. He took part in many of the battles of the West and was with General Sherman on the March to the Sea. He was one of the soldiers in the parade of General Sherman's Army at Washington, D. C. in May, 1865. His father, Isaac Van Nordstrand, enlisted in 1862 in the 38th Iowa Infantry, a regiment called the Gray Beard Regiment as all the men were over 40 and many sixty to seventy years old. Isaac was 57 years of age when he enlisted and was discharged after thirty months of service.

In 1870 Isaac with his wife and some of the children, including John Moses, came to McPherson County and took homestead land southeast of Windom. Isaac died in 1883 and his wife in 1893. John Moses Van Nordstrand, after his marriage to Ada Busby, lived in McPherson County until his death February 27, 1920. The names of Isaac and John Moses Van Nordstrand are on the bronze tablet at the General McPherson Monument at McPherson.

(12) Ida Busby--Stillman D. Rutledge

History of McLean County, Illinois, by Wm. LeBaron Co. 1879, pp.978-981.

M. S. Rutledge born in Georgia, April 2, 1800. He emigrated to Illinois and located in White County, later in Montgomery County in 1826. He married Nancy Postick, born in Kentucky May 19, 1799. To this union ten children were born, among them Charles H., who in June 1846 enlisted in the 3rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served one year, taking part in the invasion of Mexico and the battle of Vera Cruz and Cerro Gordo. In 1848, he settled near LeRoy, Ill. and took up a land warrant for 160 acres and built a house 16 x 16. He married April 14, 1853, Martha Ann Chapin, born March 21, 1831, in DeWitt County, Ill., a daughter of Hiram Chapin who was born in North Carolina and emigrated to Kentucky and later to Illinois. To this marriage seven children were born, four of whom are now living: Stillman D. Rutledge, born May 16, 1857; Edgar H.; Florence; and Louise J.

The above is condensed from a letter written by the Illinois State Historical Library at Springfield, Ill. on Feb. 28, 1919. Original is in possession of Orin Rutledge Rean of Little River, Kansas.

(13) Louetta Busby--George Washington Broughton

George Washington Broughton, son of Adam and Mary (Tayler) Broughton was born on Dec. 28, 1864 in Sangamon County, Ill. As a young man he came to McPherson and Rice Counties, Kansas, where he married. A few years later the family returned to Springfield, where he lived until his death May 28, 1930.





(16) Maude Busby--Joseph L. McChesney

George A. McChesney, a native of Mercer County, Ohio, as a young man came to Belle Plain, Iowa. He served in the 10th and 11th Iowa Vol. Infantry during the Civil War. He married Josephine Budka who came as a young girl with her parents from Czechoslovakia and located at Quebec, Canada. Later they emigrated to the United States and located in Iowa. In 1867 the family homesteaded in Republic County, Kansas, three miles east of Belleville. In 1868, on account of Indian raids in the neighborhood, the mother was sent to Irving, Kansas, where Joe L. McChesney was born Sept. 6, 1868. As a young man he came to Windom, where he married and made a home.

## THE FRENCH FAMILY

As shown, Nathan Walker Busby married Mary Elizabeth French at Bloomfield, Iowa, Sept. 13, 1865, so a short record of the French family will be of interest. Horace N. French, born July 6, 1798, at Burlington Flats, Otsego County, New York, died in Oregon, Missouri \_\_\_\_\_ 1884. He married Mary Ann Eastman, born Sept. 18, 1805, Sangersfield, Oneida County, New York. About 1820, they came with their parents on the long migration trip from eastern New York State to Jennings County in southern Indiana, making the long trip by wagon as no railroads then existed. They married Nov. 4, 1821, in Jennings County, Indiana, and to this marriage seven children were born. After her death on Feb. 8, 1846, the father soon remarried and with some of the younger children moved to Stiles, near Bloomfield, Iowa, where several more children were born.

Milton Jefferson French, the second son of Horace N. French and Mary Elizabeth Eastman, is of interest to us. He was born on July 30, 1827. We know very little about his life except that he was a Baptist preacher and a member of the Masons. He married Mary Ann McCullough, born 1828, died Bloomfield, Iowa in 1884. Where they were living in 1857, we do not know, but he was on a train that would pass through Vernon, Indiana, where his mother was buried. As the train was not scheduled to stop, he asked the conductor to slow it down so he could jump off. This he did but was thrown. He got up, walked a little distance, and fell dead. A man working close by saw him and picked him up. He was buried beside his mother by the Masons and a marker was erected.

To this marriage three children had been born: Olive Lucinda, Mary Elizabeth, and Josephine (Phone). After the death of the father, the widow with the three children moved to Iowa to be near the rest of the French family. There, as we have shown, Mary Elizabeth married Nathan W. Busby. Olive Lucinda married William Ellinger at Bloomfield, Iowa. They had two children: William, Jr., and Mollie (who married Thomas Hardy). They have one daughter, Faye, who married Dick Melchert, and is now living in Bloomfield, Iowa.

Josephine (Phena) married John Wright in Bloomfield, Iowa. They migrated to McPherson County, Kansas, where they lived until moving to Oklahoma. Many of the family still live there, among them Stella Wright Sills at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

The widow of Milton French, after moving with the children to Iowa, married Wm. H. Good and two children were born. (1) Eva Jemina, born Feb. 9, 1866, married Wm. H. Grant. They had two children: Lillian Grace (married to Roscoe Halbert and living in Kansas City, Mo. where Mr. Halbert is a U.S.P.O. Clerk)\*; and (2) Edward Ellsworth Good, born 1862, Bloomfield, Iowa, died on Aug. 4, 1937, at Lincoln, Nebr. sks. At the time of his death he was a Judge of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

\*Hazel Bolle; (married to Daniel L. Allgaier) also living in Kansas City.

About 100 copies of this record are being made, and a copy is being sent to every living member of the Busby family. Anyone desiring additional copies can have them by writing.

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